(e) and (f). The decision of the Government will be based on the factors of suitability and within the ambit of the eligibility criteria prescribed under the recruitment rules.

(g) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Revival of Small Scale Industries in Bihar

5635. SHRI SHATRUGHAN PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have taken a decision to promote Small Scale Industries under the minimum common programme; and

(b) if so, the details of the SSIs proposed to be revived in each State particularly in Bihar under the above programme, alongwith their locations ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) Promotion of small scale industries is a part of the minimum common programme of the Government.

(b) As per the data collected by Reserve Bank of India from the Scheduled Commercial Banks, total number of sick small scale units as at the end of March 1995 were 2,68,815. Of these, 15,539 units were considered as potentially viable. Banks have put 10,371 viable units under nursing. There were 26,749 sick small scale units in the State of Bihar as at the end of March 1995. Of these, 367 units were potentially viable. Banks have put 289 units under nursing.

Based on the Nayak Committee recommendations, RBI has advised banks on modified definition of sick SSI units, reduced rate of interest for rehabilitation, prompt viability studies/nursing programmes of identified sick units, setting up of cells at important regional centres and Head Office to deal with sick industrial units and provision of expert staff, including technical personnel to look into technical aspects. State Level Inter Institutional committees exist under the chairmanship of Secretary Industries of the State Governments for revival of sick units.

Insurance Claims of Vehicles

5636. SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the time taken in settlement of insurance claims of vehicles by insurance companies;

(b) the number of claims received during each of the last three years in this regard, company-wise;

(c) the number of claims pending for one year, two years and three years, separately, company-wise;

(d) whether any responsibility is fixed on any officer in case of delay in the settlement of such claims;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) While the claims relating to damage to vehicles are normally settled immediately after the receipt of requisite documents from the claimants, the Third Party claims are settled after the awards are passed by the Courts.

(b) The requisite information is as under :

(Fig. in lakhs)

Name of the Company	Year		
	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
National	1.04	1.09	1.50
New India	1.63	1.71	2.14
Oriental	1.25	2.03	1.85
United India	1.47	1.26	1.30
Total :	5.39	6.09	6.79

(c) The requisite information is as under :

No. of claims pending (Figures in thousand)

Name of the company	upto one year	upto two years	upto three years
National	35.58	2.81	1.98
New India	107.68	16.31	11.34
Oriental	25.97	22.05	10.92
United India	58.65	25.28	17.19
Total :	227.88	66.45	41.43

(d) to (f). The companies have already initiated various measures for expeditious settlement of claims and the Conduct, Discipline and Appeal (CDA) Rules of the companies provide for necessary action in case an Officer is found guilty of any lapse.

[English]

National Institute of Fashion Technology Centres

5637. SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have recently set up a few more Centres of the National Institute of Fashion Technology to impart best of training and to meet world standards;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of students are proposed to be admitted in those centres; and

(d) the other steps the Government propose to take to upgrade the technology skill of the work force employed in the garment industry ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA) : (a) and (b). Five branches of NIFT were set up at Calcutta, Gandhinagar, Hyderabad, Madras and Mumbai in the year 1995.

(c) There is a provision for admitting 30 students in the Fashion Design course and 30 students in the Garment Manufacturing Technology course in each Centre every year.

(d) With a view to upgrade the technological skills of the workforce employed by the garment industry, the Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC) has decided to set up Apparel Training and Design Centres (ATDC) at various places in the country–Mumbai, Delhi, Noida, Gurgaon, Ludhiana, Jaipur, Jodhpur, Madras, Tirupur, Bangalore, Calcutta and Hyderabad. These centres will train manpower employed at the shopfloor level e.g. sewing machine operators, pattern makers and cutters, production supervisors and quality controllers, finishing/packing supervisors, machine mechanics etc.

Fifth Pay Commission

5638. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI :
SHRI MOHAN RAWALE :
SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government employees staged a day-long dharna and participated in a rally at the Central Pay Commission's Office in New Delhi on the 16th August, 1996;

(b) if so, the details of their demands;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether the Fifth Pay Commission is submitting its report to the Government over a gap of ten years after implementation of the Fourth Pay Commission report;

(e) whether during this period of ten years, three wage Boards have been set up for the public sector employees;

(f) if so, the reasons for this disparity between public sector and Central Government employees;

(g) whether most of the employees associations have threatened with a country wide agitation if the Fifth Pay Commission report is implemented from January 1, 1996 instead of January 1, 1994; and

(h) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) & (b). The Pay Commission has informed that a rally was organised by the Central Government Employees National Confederation on 16th August, 1996. The Commission has further informed that the demands of the employees were (i) the third instalment of Interim Relief may be treated at par with two earlier instalments, (ii) the Report of the Commission be submitted without further delay and its recommendations given effect from 1.1.1994; and (iii) minimum wage be fixed at Rs. 3000/ per month.

(c) The Government will take a view on receipt of the recommendations of the Pay Commission.

(d) Yes. Sir.

(e) The wages of the employees of Public Sector Undertakings are generally revised every 5 years.

(f) The Fourth Pay Commission had observed that the Central Government is a vast and complex organisation and that the wages of the employees of Central Government cannot be based on a simple comparison with the wages in the Public Sector Undertakings. The pay structure of the Central Government employees is, therefore, considered and settled on merits.

(g) There is a demand to give effect to the recommendations of the Commission from 1.1.94.

(h) A view on this aspect will be be taken after the submission of the final Report by the Commission.

Sub-Committee for UTI

5639. DR. C. SILVERA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether U.T.I. has funds under different schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to form Sub-Committees to look after the funds being managed by the Unit Trust of India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The unit capital under the schemes of UTI for the years 1994-95 and 1995-96 (provisional) are given in the Statement attached.

(c) and (d). UTI has planned an organisational restructuring to be in conformity with the regulatory requirements of SEBI.

STATEMENT

SCHEME OF UTI

(Year : July-June) (Rs. Crore)

Schemes	Outstanding 1994-95	Unit Capital 1995-96*
1	2	3
U.S. 1964	15281.73	12943.31
U.S. 1971	2160.04	2550.06
C.R.T.S. 1981	733.67	778.17
C.G.S. 1983	523.69	73.38
C.G.G.F. 1986	1572.13	1821.01
U.S. 1995	174.00	203.50